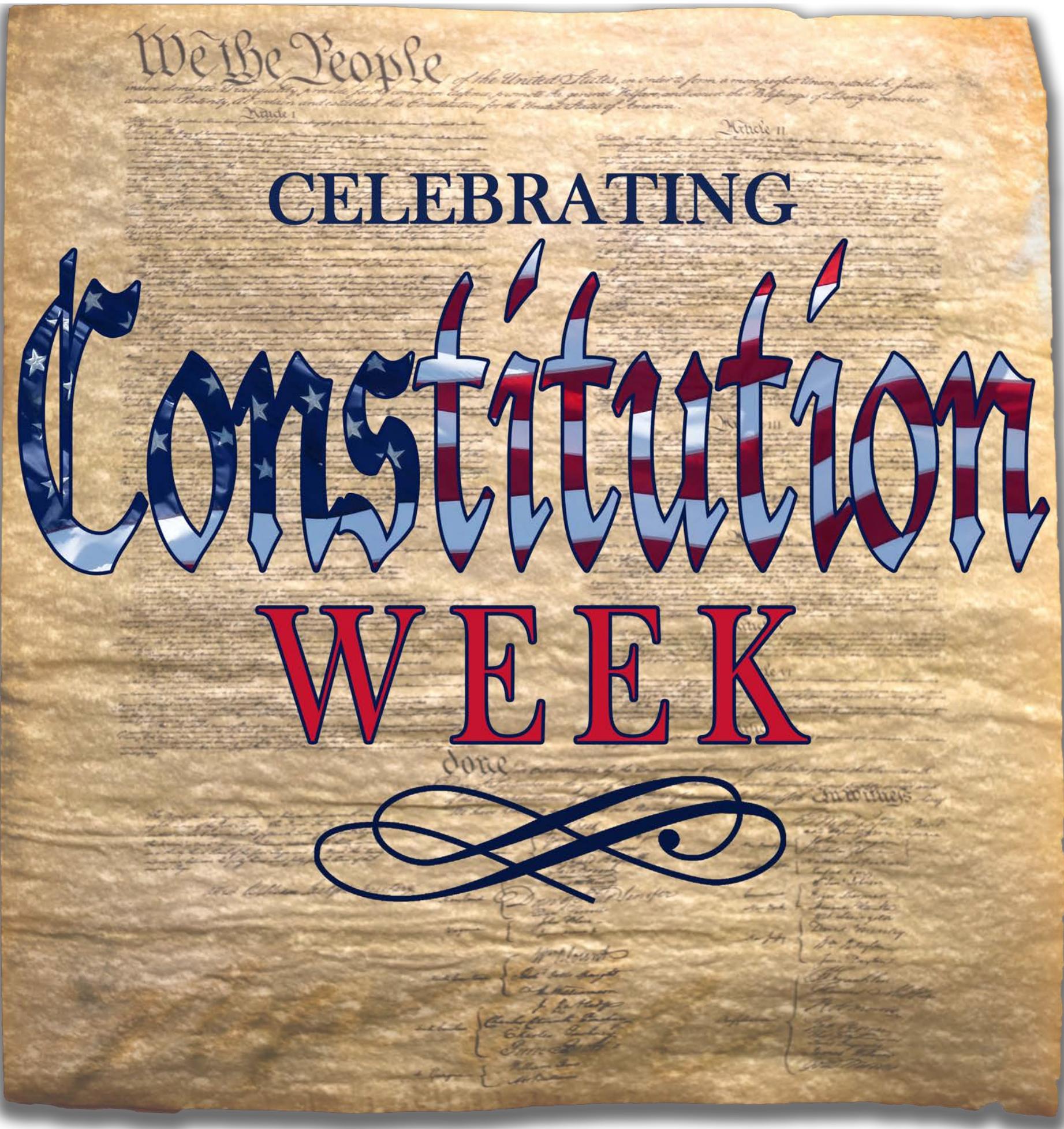


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This issue covers a variety of topics. The News section covers Constitution Week on campus, the newest members of GC’s SGA, the clown issues on campus and the struggles of the local food bank. The Sports section highlights international athletes that have come to play for GC.

This sections also covers the beginnings of the seasons for tennis, cross country and volleyball. The A&E section covers the play *A Streetcar Named Desire*, local bakeries in Milledgeville, Thursdays at the Andalusia Farm and student opinions regarding campus safety.

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## GC students celebrate Constitution Week

The week's events kicked off with a festival on Front Campus

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Nationwide on any campus or at any organization that receives federal funding, Sept. 17 is Constitution Day. At Georgia College, Constitution Day has been made into a week-long tradition, full of activities, guest speakers and education on the political process.

The goal of Constitution Week is to serve both as a reminder of students' rights as citizens and to educate them on the importance of being involved in government nationally and locally. Key themes like voting, medical marijuana, weapons on campuses and much more are addressed throughout the week.

Constitution Week kicked off on front campus

last Friday, Sept. 16, with the Constitution Day festival. Various GC groups set up tables and enjoyed music, and other activities to commemorate the signing of the Constitution 229 years ago in Philadelphia.

Professor Roessing of the Accounting department has been very involved with the tradition of Constitution Week since he arrived on campus.

"The week is really about education and teaching people about the Constitution, about their rights and also how those rights have been interpreted over hundreds of years because that is something we still argue about," he said.

The educational facet of the week began on Monday with Chief Justice Hugh Thompson of the Georgia Supreme Court speaking, along with State Representative, Allen Peak,

who spoke on medical marijuana laws and issues raised by federalism.

On Wednesday, several state senators will host a discussion called "God and Guns" that will look at the recent gun bills, as well as religious freedom legislation. The week will conclude on Thursday with former state Senator, Jason Carter and former aid to Governor Perdue, Josh Belinfante, who will discuss voter identification laws and access to public polls.

The importance of voting is a big focus of the week. The American Democracy Project (ADP) aims to influence as many students as possible.

"Voting is the most fundamental form of political activity that you can do," said Dr. Steven Elliott-Gower, an associate professor of political science and the faculty



Ada Montgomery/ Senior Photographer

### SGA and ADP tabled at the Constitution Day Festival on Front Campus

advisor for the ADP.

Because its members believe voting is crucial, the ADP have been handing out applications for absentee ballots on campus since this past week. The ADP

is constantly looking to get students involved and attentive to national issues, as well as local ones such as town hall meetings.

"Our goal is to get people involved in politics

and show another side of politics that they may not have seen. We want to show people they can be involved every step of the way," said Charles Morgan, the Vice President of the ADP.

## SGA's newest members take their first steps

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Student Government Association (SGA) elections have concluded, and the results are in. Georgia College elected 25 senators, five each in the categories of freshman, sophomore, junior and at large, and four seniors.

The senators-elect began their training with a workshop this past weekend, learning the craft of being a senator. Their first official meeting will take place in City Hall on Sept. 23. Vice President Terrell Davis explained the senators' duties.

"One of the biggest goals is making sure they represent student organizations," he said. "They're going to be writing bills, passing

resolutions and working in committees."

Those committees already have tasks ready for them, ranging from matters brought by Recognized Student Organizations to the issues senators themselves think need to be tackled.

"We may revisit campus safety, we also want to visit diversity...but it's going to be up to the senators to choose their priorities," Davis said. "We also want to make sure that once they are ready to go, they'll meet downtown at the city hall council chambers."

As for the senators themselves, they're already hard at work preparing policy for the semester. Senator at large, Wesley Applebury and Sophomore Senator, Mike Muller explained their training session and the plans in

action so far.

"We had about a five hour training session. We went over the senate basics: what we do, how to write a bill, seat structure and how to propose amendments," Muller said. "We went over committees we were assigned to."

Muller is working to expand the foreign language program and bring the school closer to the surrounding community. He is also focusing on Recognized Student Organizations and getting students more involved.

"Every senator was picked specifically for their interests, we all arranged our top three preferences for committees and were assigned a committee based on that, so we were all on a committee that we were passionate about," Muller said, explaining the

classification system for senators.

Applebury is most excited about the diversity committee, focused on de-homogenizing the racial makeup of the student body.

"I was inspired by the diversity action plan. I think that's something that is incredible, that the administration and the students, and the community all work together towards creating a plan to make sure that Georgia College is not only diverse now, but in the future," Applebury said.

At their meeting on Friday, the new senators will set in motion their various plans for the semester. SGA meetings are open to students, where the senators are ready to listen and act to uphold GC standards and student expectations.

### Elected Senators:

#### Freshman Senators

- Matthew Krackenberger
- Amelia Lord
- Donald Schmidt
- Sara Smith
- Cameron Watts

#### Senior Senators

- Katelynn Brock
- Jennifer Brogden
- Kameron Griffin
- Luke hoelle
- \*There will be one appointment.\*

#### Sophomore Senators

- Chad Johnson
- Mike Muller
- Cedric Norris
- Bradley Spinner
- Cameron Yeo

#### Senators at Large

- Kenneth Adams
- Wesley Applebury
- Jasmine Gray
- Courtney Lebeau
- Andrew Petraglia

#### Junior Senators

- Nicholas Emanuelo
- John Austin Hughes
- Matt Jones
- Altimease Lowe
- John Raville



# Bare shelves create need at local food bank

## A lack of donations threatens the Chard Wray Food Pantry

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A recent decline in donations has caused the shelves at the Milledgeville Chard Wray Food Pantry to become increasingly bare. Since its humble beginnings in a closet in St. Stevens Episcopal Church, Chard Wray Food Pantry has served as Milledgeville’s sole food aid provider for over 20 years.

Operating out of a house on Broad Street, the Chard Wray Food Pantry partners with various local churches to stock their shelves with canned goods and other non-perishable items. However, due to the increased need in amount of food for families during the summer, their stock has been significantly depleted.

“We don’t have any food drives during the summer,” said food pantry director, Emily Youngblood. “So summer is really a difficult time, especially since children are out of school and we are trying to provide them with more food. When the public schools are out we don’t have any large donations coming in.”

Not having received a large donation since spring, the food pantry is anxiously awaiting contributions from drives sponsored by Georgia Military College and Baldwin High School. The food pantry will not see the fruit of these drives until late October or mid-November though, creating an immediate need for donations in order for them to continue operating.

A few Georgia College students decided to help. Students involved in F.A.M. ministries on campus found out about the need from a student who attends St. Stevens Episcopal Church and thought it was the perfect opportunity for their organization to become involved, and serve the community.

“It is our goal through donating to form a relationship with Chard Wray Food Pantry and have this turn into continuous giving on our part. As students we’re here living in Milledgeville, so by being here we need to help out the town around us and be aware of the impact we as students can make,” said Bailee Miller, one of F.A.M.’s three co-founders.



Marlee Thomas/ Staff Photographer

### The Chard Wray Food Pantry is running out of food

Because the food pantry runs solely off the efforts of volunteers, students who donate food or time greatly help to lighten the load. Students can do so by donating non-perishable items such as canned food and pasta or helping unload


the shipments the food pantry receives from the USDA.


“It’s a big help to be able to come here. I appreciate what they’re doing and I hope they never close,” said a community member who depends on the pantry

and asked to remain anonymous. “It’s a good deed they’re doing for sure.”

The food pantry will be having a cleanup day in October for which Director Youngblood hopes to recruit some GC students

through the Give Center. Anyone who is interested in more information or wishes to become involved in helping the Chard Wray Food Pantry can call 478-414-1126.






Spring - Chickfila, Post Office, GC Give Center

Fall - Baldwin County School, Georgia Millitary College

80 people fed weekly // 25 people volunteer weekly





# GC Students intern in Washington D.C.

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Georgia College's GC in DC internship program offers students the opportunity to spend a semester of their collegiate career in Washington, D.C. working alongside congressman, participating in seminars and forums, as well as getting hands on experience working within the political professional world.

The program is available to all majors and students wishing to participate must maintain at least a 3.0 GPA. Students can earn up to 12 hours of credit through the program, nine of those accredited towards an internship and the other three towards independent study within their major.

Despite contrary belief, students do not have to pay more out of pocket for a semester spent in D.C. as opposed to taking classes on the Georgia College campus. In fact, students often end up spending less on a semester in D.C. for several reasons.

First, students who qualify for the HOPE scholarship and financial aid can still make use of those during the semester they participate. Additionally,

students are only required to pay a portion of their tuition and fees, and they do not pay for textbooks.

Housing is another component of the program made affordable by WISH, an organization Georgia College partners with, which stands for Washington Internship Student Housing.

"The organization has a number of facilities in Washington D.C.," said internship coordinator, Sara Faircloth, "but the apartments we use are right across the street from the capitol and this allows students the added benefit of not having to worry about providing their own transportation."

The benefits of this program extend far beyond cost and housing. Two GC students who have already taken part in GC to DC, Colden Franklin and Maria Bermudez, are able to attest to this. Both have a passion for politics and desired to get their feet wet in its culture, resulting in their decision to apply and participate.

"Overall, I had a great experience with the program. Coming into the internship, I expected to learn a lot about the legislative process and how a congressional office is run. I truly learned a lot of valuable information about

the political world from the numerous, interesting things that I observed living in city and working in a congressional office," Bermudez said.

Faircloth says she believes exposure to be one of the main benefits of the program because of the immersion students experience in a culturally diverse area, not only in terms of ethnicity, but thought as well.

"Being a part of the GC in DC program taught me invaluable skills I couldn't have otherwise mastered within the confines of a classroom. My advice to those considering the program is to branch out and meet as many people as possible. This internship is as much about work as it is play because in D.C. the two are more often than not intertwined. The relationships I established in Washington allowed me to explore the ins and outs of the city, volunteer at the White House Easter Egg Roll and see the President and the Canadian P.M. speak together at the Canada State Arrival on the White House lawn," she said.

This year's GC in DC application can be found online at [www.gcsu.edu/gcdc](http://www.gcsu.edu/gcdc). The deadline to apply is Oct. 15.

# Not afraid of clowns

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Georgia College students are continuing to live their lives largely unaltered by the rumors of clowns in the Milledgeville area. Apart from a few students who suffer from coulrophobia, (a fear of clowns) GC students are not changing their behavior based on the possibility of encountering a clown.

"I've heard all they're doing is harassing, that they're not really hurting anybody," said special education major, Alli McKnight, junior.

On the evening of Sept. 14, GC Public Safety investigated a possible clown

sighting near the Village Apartments dumpsters, but did not find any clowns or meet with any residents who reported seeing a clown in person. Students described receiving social media communications about a clown sighting in the area, but officers found no evidence of clown activity.

"Personally, I'm not afraid of clowns," said Spanish major and Village Apartments resident, Claudia De La Rosa, junior. "I don't hate them. I don't love them. I'm just kind of indifferent. As long as they're not trying to hurt anyone or do anything bad, I'm okay with it."

Freshman computer science major, Hugo Marquez said he thinks that any Milledgeville-

area clowns are actually students in costume.

"I honestly feel like it's just a couple of students trying to get a couple laughs, so I'm not really too worried about it," he said. Marquez said he is not stressed about the situation, nor has he modified his day-to-day behavior because of it.

While the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office is investigating reports of clown sightings in Milledgeville and the surrounding area, no criminal reports concerning clowns have been filed.

"I feel like we as humans take a story and blow it so out of proportion," McKnight said. "Of course I want to be careful...but I also don't want fear to rule my life."

# 20 years of liberal arts

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This year, Georgia College celebrates its 20th Anniversary of being Georgia's designated liberal arts university.

"This school teaches me a multitude of skills and knowledge to help me critically evaluate the world around me," said Casey Hendrix, sophomore, who is excited and pleased about GC's anniversary.

A classical liberal arts education covers a wide spectrum of disciplines students can use as a broad foundation in future jobs and careers. A modern liberal arts education focuses on critical thinking, world-centric situational experiences and allows students the opportunity to have more freedom creating their courses, and areas of study within their major.

GC's liberal arts courses include, but are not limited to English, foreign languages,

natural sciences, social sciences, literature and ethics.

GC's values include an expansive undergraduate educational experience, excellence in graduate education, challenging innovative teaching, opportunities for community engagement and preparation for leadership, according to a statement on GC's official website.

Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Costas Spirou, commented on the significance of the designation.

"The designation of Georgia College & State University by the University System of Georgia as the state's public liberal arts institution of higher education 20 years ago has proved to have had a significant impact on the current academic standing of our institution. This distinction provides Georgia College with an opportunity to focus on supporting our students as they develop their

knowledge and skills," Spirou said. "It is very rewarding to see firsthand the impact that Georgia College is having on the future of our graduates. None of that would have been possible without our unique designation."

GC has some of the highest-ranked and most competitive programs and majors in the state. Its nursing and education cohorts are among the best in the nation.

On Sept. 27, GC will host an event in honor of the anniversary. GC historian, Dr. Bob Wilson, will moderate a panel discussion that will include former University System of Georgia Chancellor, Dr. Stephen Portch and former GC presidents, Drs. Rosemary DePaolo and Dorothy Leland.

"I'm eager to attend the upcoming 20th anniversary celebration to rejoice in this wonderful school that has helped me learn and flourish over these past few years," said Marcus Wells, senior.



Photo courtesy of Colden Franklin

Colden Franklin, Randall Webster, Maria Bermudez and Dr. Spirou show their GC pride in Washington D. C.



# Times Talk attendees discuss Islamophobia

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Dr. Juli Gittinger, lecturer of Religious Studies, hosted a Times Talk on Islamophobia last Wednesday, Sept. 14, where attendees discussed why western society is concerned with the Muslim community in the United States.

"If we are worried about one percent of the Muslims, why are we alienating them further? They want what we all want here," said Gittinger. She also said that Muslims want the same freedoms that America offers all its citizens.

This discussion comes at a time when individuals

all over the country are still remembering the anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001, a time when terrorism filled every American citizen with fear. Religion is an experience that is shared between people, but many Muslims are paying the cost for a terrorist organization that had nothing to do with them.

"All terrorists are Muslims. How many of you have heard that?" said Gittinger. "What do you think about this proposition to start listening in and restricting mosques?"

Gittinger went into more detail on why so many people in the United States are xenophobic towards Islam, bringing up issues such as countries that

practice Sharia Law, hate groups within Georgia and immigration. Some students listening in on the discussion said they felt there is no need for concern within the United States.

"As we were talking today about Islamophobia, there are so many people that are ignorant about Islam and what Muslim people really believe," said biology major Rachel Wellman, a freshman.

Opinions around the library, where the Times Talk was held, echoed that of Wellman's. Students that did not get the chance to attend the discussion on Islamophobia had very similar opinions about the concern in our country.

"I feel it's irrational

fear and misrepresentation of the religion. It's like the Bible, there's lots of parts Christians don't agree with it," said history major Alena Rensch, a sophomore. "I'm sure it's the same with Islam."

Gittinger mentioned a website called Splcenter.org/hatewatch, which keeps track of hate groups around the world. Within the United States, Georgia is second after Texas in number of hate groups.

"You should always be very well tuned into how Islam is being talked about, what are the adjectives being used, whose eye rolling, who's making gestures. Be very vigilant," Gittinger said.



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**Dr. Juli Gittinger facilitated Wednesday's Times Talk.**

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## Bad night turns worse

**\*Obtained from Milledgeville Police Department\***

Officer Brinkley responded to a call concerning an intoxicated female on Sept. 10 at 2 a.m. When he arrived at the GC residence hall, he met with an off-duty CA who called public safety concerning an intoxicated female student who was crying and vomiting upon entering the building. When Officer Brinkley made contact with the student, she was sitting on a futon and had ceased vomiting. The student admitted to having consumed several alcoholic beverages downtown because she was upset over an issue with some friends. Officer Brinkley informed the student that she would be referred to Student Judicial for the underage possession of alcohol.



## Drunk and slightly cognizant

**\*Obtained from Milledgeville Police Department\***

On Sept. 10 at 12 a.m., two SNAP officers flagged down Officer Brinkley, who was patrolling West Hancock St. When he reached the SNAP officers, Officer Brinkley learned they needed assistance with a highly intoxicated GC student. The female was laying on the ground between two cars, and her friend told the officers that the intoxicated student was barely able to speak and would not open her eyes. Officer Brinkley asked dispatch to call EMS, which transported the student to the hospital. When Officer Brinkley later called to check on the student's condition, he learned that her condition was stable though she was still being treated.

The student has been referred to the Student Judicial for the underage possession of alcohol.





## In the lobby

**\*Obtained from Milledgeville Police Department\***

An off-duty CA at a GC residence complex called public safety concerning an intoxicated GC student passed out in the lobby of one of the buildings. When Sergeant Hughes was dispatched to the scene on Sept. 10 at 3 a.m., he found the unconscious woman laying on her side. The woman was still breathing but was unresponsive. Sergeant Hughes dispatched for EMS. After arriving on the scene, EMS transported the woman to the hospital. The student is being referred to Student Judicial for the underage possession of alcohol.

## Subtle sabotage?

**\*Obtained from Milledgeville Police Department\***

While on patrol of the MSU on Sept. 12 at 9 p.m., Officer Powell was contacted by a male student. The student explained that he believed that two of his campaign signs were stolen from where he had left them on campus. One sign the student said was located in front of Adams Hall and the other was placed in front of the Student Activities Center. The student filled out a statement form and valued the signs at \$38.00 each. The case was turned over to the investigation department.

## Maybe I can pass as a student?

**\*Obtained from Milledgeville Police Department\***

Officer Davis was dispatched to GC Russell Library in response to a call concerning a trespassing violation on campus. On Sept. 12 at 8 a.m., she found a male subject using a computer on the second floor of the library by the circulation desk area. After running an identification check through GCIC, the man was identified. Officer Davis informed the man that he was trespassed indefinitely from all GC property as of 2009. He was then placed under arrest and transported to the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office. A warrant was issued for the man under the account of criminal trespass and taken for processing.





# Bobcat soccer expands scouting outside US

*Athletes from Iceland, Trinidad, and England share their thoughts about playing soccer abroad and at GC*



Photo courtesy of GC Athletics

**Raghnheidur Bjarnadottir kicks the ball upfield, past defenders.**

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Georgia College's women's soccer team is expanding their horizons. From a team of 22 women, four are from places outside of U.S. borders. Senior Millie York from Hove, England, sophomore Unnbjorg Omarsdottir from Reykjavik, Iceland, sophomore Raghnheidur

Bjarnadottir from Gardabaer, Iceland, and freshman Renee Mike from Couva, Trinidad all came to GC to play under coach Hope Clark and show that soccer is a universal language that can be spoken on any continent.

"For me, having international players brings a different style to the game because soccer is such an important part of their life, so it impacts their

culture and their training mentalities," said coach Clark. "I think it's fantastic for our U.S. players to have that culture brought in, and say this is what we do day in and day out, and this why we bring a higher level of play and a better tactical understanding."

All four players found out about GC soccer through either the web or word of mouth. Sophomores Omarsdottir and Bjarnadottir played together on a club team in Iceland, and decided to come to the states after seeing the competitive team, facilities and education Georgia College has to offer.

"I emailed a lot of D2 schools and I got a response from a few, and GC looked good so I decided to try it," said Bjarnadottir. "Both the school and the soccer program looked good, plus Georgia is a hot place so

I wanted to try something new and try to live in a sunny place."

Perhaps the biggest difference for these Icelandic players is the age difference. After playing on club teams with a large age range, the teammates have had to adjust playing against women their own age.

"Here you play school teams, but back home you play clubs so there is more age difference," said Omarsdottir. "You could have players who are 18 or 30 on teams together, whereas here the age difference is much smaller. You are playing people your age."

For these four girls, they had to transition not only their way of life but also their style of play.

"The speed of play was much slower in Trinidad, over here it's a much quicker pace. Also the style of play, formation wise, is really different here," said Mike.

Coach Clark hopes to continue to recruit more international players, and that more international players will reach out to her.

"What I hope is that the ones we have now, will spread the word and with the positive experiences they have had here at Georgia College they will go home and represent our university in a positive way so that it creates a pipeline in all these countries," said

Clark.

Despite the diversity of the players, the team chemistry is strong and the team is able to work together well on the field. No matter where they are from, the girls are able to focus on the game rather than their own personal background and put the success of the team as their main goal.

"That's the difference that you see with sports teams at the next level, we are all thrown in together with people you don't know," said Clark. "The beauty of athletics is we don't care where you come from, who are you, or what your background is, it's can you play the game."



**Renee Mike**  
Freshman  
Couva, Trinidad  
Position: Defender  
Major: Business Management



**Raghnheidur Bjarnadottir**  
Sophomore  
Gardabaer, Iceland  
Position: Forward  
Major: Economics



**Unnbjorg Omarsdottir**  
Sophomore  
Reykjavik, Iceland  
Position: Forward/Goal Keeper  
Major: Exercise Science



**Millie York**  
Senior  
Hove, England  
Position: Defender  
Major: Community Health



Photo courtesy of GC Athletic

**Unnbjorg Omarsdottir dribbles the ball.**

Photos courtesy of Monica Klinkmueller



# Tennis teams succeed at first fall tournament

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This past weekend, GC tennis hosted Lander University and Middle Georgia State University for the GC Fall Championship. Both the men's and women's teams played on Friday and Saturday in a three-team tournament.

Going into the tournament, coach Steve Barsby and the team were excited to finally get some real playing time after a long two weeks of practices.



Monica Klinkmueller

**Junior Jena Kelly returns a tough serve.**

"Personally, I want to get some good matches in, and Anton and I are going to the UGA invitational after this so this is a good test to see where we are and if we are ready for that," said senior Kyle Kinsler. "As a team I would love to

see a lot of wins, Lander is a top five team, and we're top 10 so I'd really like to be to push the team to get some big wins."

For the women, their focus was mainly on their doubles teams and seeing how everyone plays together under a bit of pressure.

"Being the first tournament, we want to get all the little nerves and finding my game and seeing how everything goes," said senior Macy Polk. "As a team, especially in doubles, just seeing how we play in doubles, since there's a lot of new doubles partners."

On Friday the team showed real promise, with the Bobcats winning

five singles matches and seven doubles matches at the Centennial Center Tennis Facility. Among the winners on Friday was junior Jena Kelly, who won her singles match 6-2, 6-4 over Preeti Gokhale of Middle Georgia and then both of her doubles matches alongside teammate Macy Polk.

The men also had a strong showing on Friday, with Jannik Kumbier leaving the courts with a 2-0 record after winning his singles match 6-1, 7-5 over Charles Baron of Lander and his doubles match against Middle Georgia with teammate Christian Graff.

On Saturday, the team had another strong day, finishing the tournament off with 12 singles wins and two doubles wins. Senior Hannah Serdinia had an incredible day with an undefeated record after winning her two singles matches and her doubles match alongside teammate Emma Niemi. Senior Macy Polk also had a successful Saturday, bringing home two wins for the Bobcats.



Monica Klinkmueller

**Senior Mattia Campus prepares to serve.**

The men's team had a successful showing as well, with seniors Mattia Campus and Anton Waern ending the day with a handful of wins. Campus won his singles match against Lander's Luis Salcedo 6-0, 6-1 before also winning his doubles match alongside Waern. Waern also won his singles match against Middle Georgia's Masao Perret 6-2, 6-3.

Going into the weekend, coach Barsby was looking for a sense of focus among the team. After ending last season on a tough loss, Barsby was excited to see how the Bobcats would

start their fall season.

"I want to see some focus, it's early in the season, but seeing where the focus is since in two weeks we have our region tournament for the fall," said Barsby. "This weekend will show us if we look ready for it or if we have to do a lot of work leading up to it."

With an overall strong showing this weekend, the Bobcats head into their season with a handful of wins and a sense of confidence. The Bobcats' next matches will be at the UGA Invitational Sept. 23-26.



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**Senior Anton Waern sets up to hit a forehand.**

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**ATHLETIC PERFORMANCE  
OF THE WEEK**



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Senior Hannah Serdinia enjoyed an undefeated Saturday afternoon, winning two singles matches and one doubles match. In her first match, Serdinia won 6-1 in both sets. Her second match included a 6-3 set win and a 6-0 shutout. In doubles, she was paired with teammate Emma Niemi and together they won 8-5 over their Middle Georgia opponents. Tennis will be back in action at the University of Georgia beginning on Friday, Sept. 23.



Monica Klinkmueller



# Volleyball team off to hot start



Photo courtesy of GC Athletics

**GC Volleyball Coach Gretchen Krumdieck discusses strategy during a Bobcat timeout.**

**Lizzy  
Kidney  
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Georgia College Volleyball has just been ranked 26th in the NCAA hitting percentages for women's volleyball.

"This is good for the team overall, because that ranking is out of all the division two schools," said coach Gretchen Krumdieck. "It means that our hitters are taking advantage of the opportunities our setter is creating, and it is great to see us getting recognition for their hard work."

Two sophomores, Taylor Svehla and Ebony Powers, have been main contributors to the team's success up to this point. Coach Krumdieck speaks very highly of the two young players and their success.

"They are both very talented players and that's

what attracted me to them in the first place," Krumdieck said. "I knew they could make a big impact on the team by working hard on and off the court. They are constantly asking questions and wanting to get better and that helps to impact the team as a whole."

Svehla was just ranked 19th in hitting percentages for the NCAA women's volleyball rankings.

"This accomplishment still motivates me to get better and I am so thankful for my teammates who continue to push and support me to do my best," Svehla said.

While both players have made an impact on the team this season, they agree that the majority of their success comes from the team's chemistry.

"Everyone knows their role this year and it's made it easier for us to work together," Powers said. "We set goals before the season

and came up with a saying, United and relentless pursuit, that we try to keep in the back of our minds before and during games."

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***Ebony Powers,  
Sophomore  
Outside hitter***

The team's training regimen is about the same for everyone.

"We are in the gym everyday for practice, lift twice a week, and sometimes come in for extra help," Svehla said.

"Over the summer we tried to get together as much as possible to practice and train with each other on our own."

The team is looking to continue their success as they start playing their conference games over the next few weeks.

"We want to try and make a statement this year, because we came into this season as the underdogs," Powers said.

Coach Krumdieck has high expectations for not only Svehla and Powers, but the entire team as well.

"I am looking for the girls to continue working hard in practice and on the court, while also keeping each other accountable," Krumdieck said. "I am really happy about where we are as a whole, and that Taylor and Ebony are not only doing so well, but that they have their team backing them up as well."

# Cross-country strong in debut

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The GC cross-country team hosted the first race of the season at the Council Farm course in last week's Bobcat Invitational. The race yielded a fourth place finish for the women's team and a second place finish for the men's team. For the women, junior Katherine Yost finished in first place in a cross-country meet for the first time in her collegiate career.

"My goal was to get top ten, so getting first was more than I ever could have hoped for," Yost said.

Four freshmen on the women's team finished right behind Yost. Coach Steven Cary, in his second year with the cross-country teams, believes the freshmen will only get better.

"We have a lot of room to grow. The potential of the team is arguably, if not the best, one of the best [of any] teams that we have ever had at this school on the men's and the women's," Cary said.

Cary was pleased with the results and thought that this was a great opener for their first 6K since most of them were not used to running that extra 1,000 meters. The night before the race, he reassured them that they had the strength to run this race. All they had to do was focus on their goal.

"We had a girls' team

goal to finish in the first half at least or top third of the whole group like each team, we did that," Yost said. "We got fourth. If we got sixth, it still would have been in our goal but we got fourth so that's even better."

The men's team did not have one individual that won the race but still had a strong showing.

"[We had] a solid group of seven guys that finished in the front of the field," Cary said. "I was really pleased with that and just how we worked together as a team."

Strength in numbers was really the main goal for the men's team. They were split into groups at practice and trained together for this race. For many of the runners such as sophomore Collin Silliman, it was their first 8K race, but running as a unit gave them comfort.

"I think the biggest takeaway from the meet was the fact that the freshmen class is just really good," Silliman said. "I think the freshmen are really key in this."

Looking towards the future, Silliman and Cary both thought that the overwhelmingly great support at this race is what the teams really need to help continue their success.

"We had an unbelievable amount of support from the other athletics," Silliman said. "It was a great environment, it pumped me up and it pumped up the team too."

**UP NEXT...**

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 23**

**Bobcat Tennis**  
Men's and Women's teams at  
UGA Fall Invitational

**Bobcat Women's  
Soccer**  
vs. Clayton St.  
3 p.m.

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 24**

**Bobcat Tennis**  
UGA Fall  
Invitational

**Bobcat Cross  
Country**  
at Trevecca  
Showcase  
Women: 9:30 a.m.  
Men: 10:10 a.m.

**Bobcat Women's  
Volleyball**  
at Augusta  
2 p.m.



# Thursdays on the farm with Flannery

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On the third Thursday of every month since the spring of this year, Andalusia Farm, home of Flannery O'Connor, has hosted an event called "Thursdalousia." This event encourages anyone and everyone to come out to the farm to do as Flannery once did and read poems and stories and sing songs.

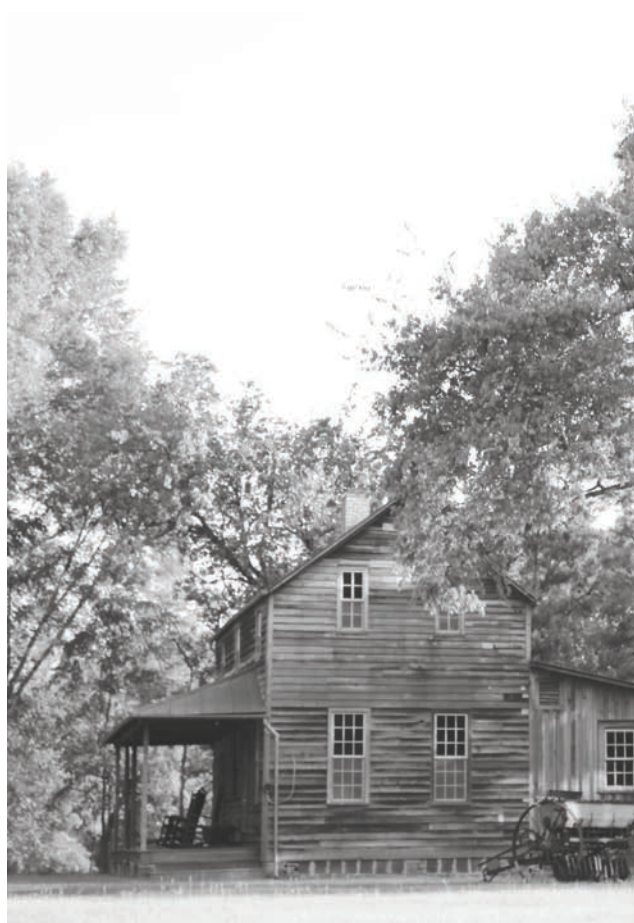
"Local folks of all stripes, from musicians, to poets, to raconteurs of all things in between come out and offer their best material," said Daniel Wilkinson, a staff member at Andalusia who also teaches English at Georgia College. "It's all about coming out to the farm and doing as Flannery did. This is what she would do in her leisure time. She and her friends would gather here and bring materials to read or talk about materials they had just written, so we're trying to bring that spirit

back."

People began trickling in around 5 p.m. and by 6 p.m., there were at least 40 people there to read, sing, or just listen and enjoy the farm. Wilkinson encouraged those who wanted to share something to pick a wooden egg with a number on it from a carton and those people would share in order.

Georgia College graduate student Faith Thompson came out to share two of her original poems and to enjoy the farm and company just like Flannery once did. Thompson admires O'Connor's works because "[it] was compelling in that it was dark, but not totally uncompassionate," she said. "She was Catholic, and I think that darkness in her work is a reflection of her Catholicism."

Andrew Schofielt, a graduate student at Georgia College, agreed that the darkness is Flannery's works is also what he likes about her.



"She writes about ordinary, mundane settings and she's still able to be dark and serious, yet comical, too," said Schofielt.

Elizabeth Wylie, another staff member at Andalusia, enjoys Thursdalousia because it is a "safe zone and a guilt free zone for people." People of all

ages are encouraged to share something and the audience is encouraged to be respectful and to show their appreciation for the performances.

Each wooden egg that performers selected was worth five minutes of stage time, so the readings and songs lasted about an hour. After, people were encouraged to mingle and enjoy the free "Wise Blood" IPA from Atlanta's own Wild Heaven Craft beer, affectionately named after a famous work by O'Connor.

The singing and readings and free beer are all recurring happenings at Thursdalousia, but this night there was a new addition: The Little Free Library. The Little Free Library at Andalusia farm is the 9th LFL on the trail of Flannery O'Connor's life. The first one is at her childhood



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*Daniel  
Wilkinson,  
Andalusia Staff*

home in Savannah, Georgia and the rest trail down to Andalusia, O'Connor's final stop. The LFL at the farm is a bright red barn, "a replica of the

barn that was on the farm during Flannery's time," said Wylie. The barn was designed by Bobby Huellemeier. There is another LFL that is looking for its new home in another location in Milledgeville. If you're interested in sponsoring it, contact Andalusia for details.

Sadly, this was the last Thursdalousia of the season, but you can still look forward to going to Andalusia's annual Blue Grass Festival, which is Nov. 5. Bands playing this year include the Packway Handle Band, The Skillet Lickers, and Good Country People. Check out Andalusia's website for more upcoming events.



Tori Gleeson / staff photographer

**Performers from all over Milledgeville are welcomed to the stage at Andalusia to share their work.**



## Milledgeville's sweet tooth

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When it comes to sweets, Milledgeville is home to a few treasures frequented by locals and students alike. History plays a major role in Milledgeville's charm, and several local businesses have had their roots here for many generations. Some of the local bakeries are no different.

Ryals Bakery, located in the heart of Milledgeville on S. Wayne St., is a prime example of a successful family-run business that opened its doors to the public in 1973. This year, the Ryals family and their employees are celebrating 43 years in business.

Maggie Ryals, who co-owns the bakery with her husband, first started off covering the books, while her husband did the cooking. The bakery prides itself on baking everything from scratch each morning while using quality ingredients.

Like Ryals, the popular food and bakery joint, The Goodie Gallery, has been a local favorite for decades. Famous for the fresh sandwiches and unparalleled cheesecake, the menu has remained almost unchanged for the past thirty years. Cal Johnson, a 2003 graduate of GC and the current owner of The Goodie Gallery, attributes the restaurant's success to the traffic that GC students bring.

"Guys like me, the small business folks, Baldwin County wouldn't support all of us without the students at Georgia



Ada Montgomery / senior photographer

### Milledgeville is home to many local bakeries.

College," said Johnson.

Stationed right off the main stretch of N. Columbia St., the building was built in 1975 and originally sold barbeque, hamburgers and ice cream to customers. The title of The Goodie Gallery was donned after Ken and Jennifer Griffin bought it in the late eighties.

Recently, many new businesses have begun to open up their doors to the public. Doodle's Cupcake Bakery, located on 140 N. Jefferson St., opened five years ago and, until recently, has only been open one day a week.

Doodle's owner, Keith Grant, who works full time at Oconee Regional Medical Center, explained that her hectic work schedule was the reason behind Doodle's being open only one day a week. The past success of the business

encouraged Grant that it was time to expand to three days a week.

"I've got people that work with me that I can trust now and I know they can run the business for me the way I want it to be run," said Grant. "I love cooking and I love to make people happy, and that kind of goes hand in hand."

GC students are excited about the shop expanding its days so they can take advantage of the baked goods.

"I've only been to Doodle's once due to the fact it was only open once a week, but I loved it," said Hayley Barden, a sophomore. "I'm so excited for the expansion of the days that it will be open and I'm looking forward to going more often."

## Drawing from inspiration

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Throughout the fall semester, Georgia College's Drawing I course is inviting guest speakers to discuss differing artistic processes with the class. In the case of Valerie Aranda, this pertains to sketching.

Aranda is a fellow art professor at GC and the fourth invited guest of the semester. Upon her arrival to the classroom, Aranda walked in pushing a cart full of sketchbooks. This first visual gave insight to the depth of importance sketching has in Aranda's heart.

"The sketchbook is definitely part of my process," she said. "For the most part I use the sketchbook as a visual journal."

In describing her inspiration, she said that artists, such as Van Gogh, who have used the sketchbook have contributed greatly to

where she is today. As the class viewed the pages of pencil upon charcoal and watercolor, some students were surprised to see blank pages as well.

Aranda explained that particular sketchbooks tend to hold a specific theme such as a travel destination or event. When that journey has ended, the sketchbook typically has too. When asked how she chooses her subjects or themes, Aranda remarked about what she did in graduate school.

"You're expected to come up with the show. I would just sketch to break the fear," Aranda said.

She added that sketch is not only a means of practice, but a way to ward off the mental blocks that artists so frequently confront. It is clear from her personal work that Aranda uses sketching for such means.

In talking to students about their opinions on having guest speakers, the consensus was vastly positive. Greyson Williams,

an art major, said he was intrigued.

"It was really cool listening to her discuss [her sketches] and her reasons for creating them," said Williams.

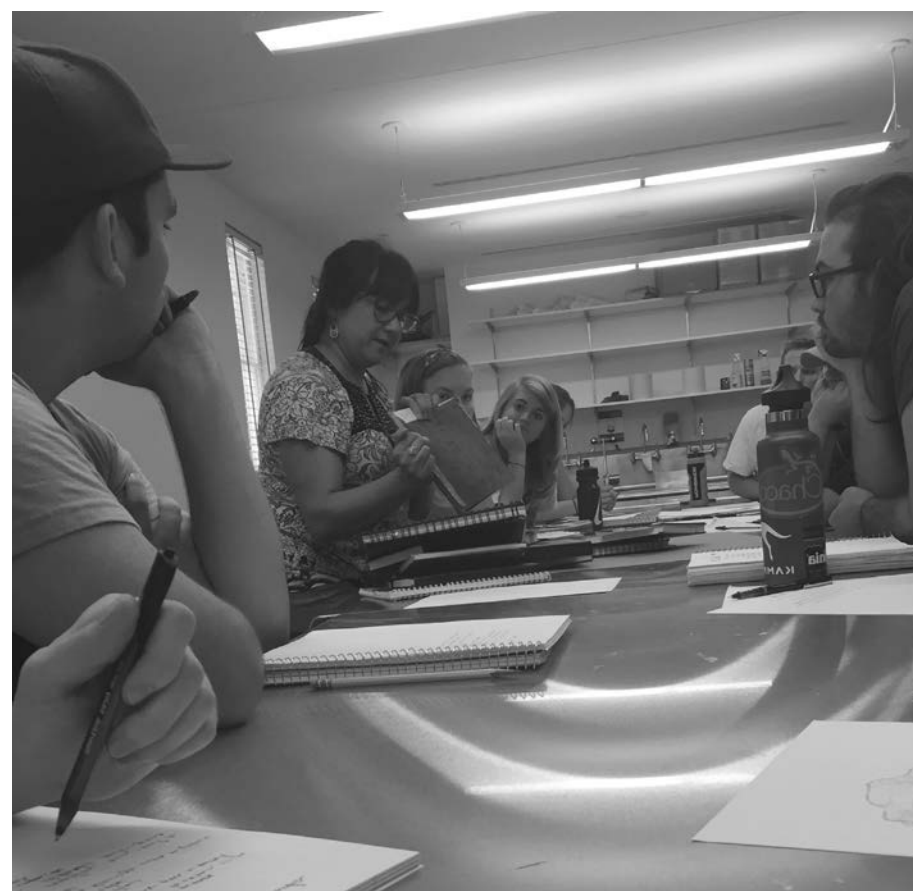
Other students felt the same in the discussion of Aranda's style and process, finding her lecture unique to the others.

"No one else talked about personal events. That was really interesting," said Jolee Bettles, a history major.

Sandra Trujillo, associate professor of art and ceramics, put her perspective on having guest speakers to light as well.

"Sketchbooks reveal the most intimate and personal elements. [Aranda] just opened her whole world to us," said Trujillo.

Bringing outside influences, be that a person, their art, or both, has proven effective and worthwhile for these students. To see future guest speakers in Drawing I, look out for the 20/20 link on Front Page.



Sarah Dumas / staff photographer

**Valerie Aranda shares her love of sketching with the Drawing I class.**



# A streetcar named Jacob

*Freshman lands lead role in upcoming play*

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From Sept. 28 through Oct. 2, Georgia College Theatre and Dance will present the play, *A Streetcar Named Desire*, starring Jacob Johnson as the lead character, Stanley.

Although Johnson has been acting since sophomore year of high school, he acquired this role quite unconventionally. He was tricked into auditioning for the part. Another Bridge student, Homer Jones, told

him he was auditioning for *Rocky Horror Picture Show*. He was told it was a dance audition, that he had to memorize a monologue and sing sixteen bars. He had never read the show and had no idea what to expect.

When Johnson found out he got the lead he was excited until he actually read the show and it became bittersweet. He hated Stanley as a character, but he was fun to play. He was very shocked to get the role; he did not see it coming at

all. Being a Bridge student made it easier for Johnson to feel more comfortable having familiar faces around.

*A Streetcar Named Desire* was written by Tennessee Williams and directed by Dr. Karen Berman, Georgia College's theatre chair for the Department of Theatre and Dance. This play is highly revered, winning a Pulitzer Prize and being on the list of the Top Ten Best Plays. Dr. Karen Berman is so proud of Johnson, being

a freshman and a Bridge student.

"I am so proud of Jacob for his amazing work on the show. He fully commits and invests himself into the very complex character of Stanley. He was the first in a cast of 15 to memorize all of his lines," Dr. Berman said. "He is such a nice person, but has to play a pretty very distasteful character. He has embraced the job of the actor and found a way to portray this violent figure with a truthfulness that is extremely powerful."

Although Johnson was not excited at all about earning the part of Stanley, he has not slacked off on effort in practicing for the show, which is Sept. 28 to Oct. 1 at 8 p.m. and Oct. 2 at 2 p.m.

Johnson is a humble actor who gives credit to his cast and does not take all of it himself.

Although his current focus is acting, he wants to play music for the rest of his life. He plays acoustic guitar and is trying to start a band. After auditioning for *A Streetcar Named Desire*,

getting the lead male role and already killing it in rehearsals, it must have been meant to be for him to be tricked into going to that audition.

"This show is incredibly demanding, both physically and emotionally. The whole cast is working really hard to put forth the best show possible and it's taking a toll on all of us. However, despite the mental and physical strain, I've had a great time rehearsing this show and I hope everyone enjoys it as much as I have," said Johnson.

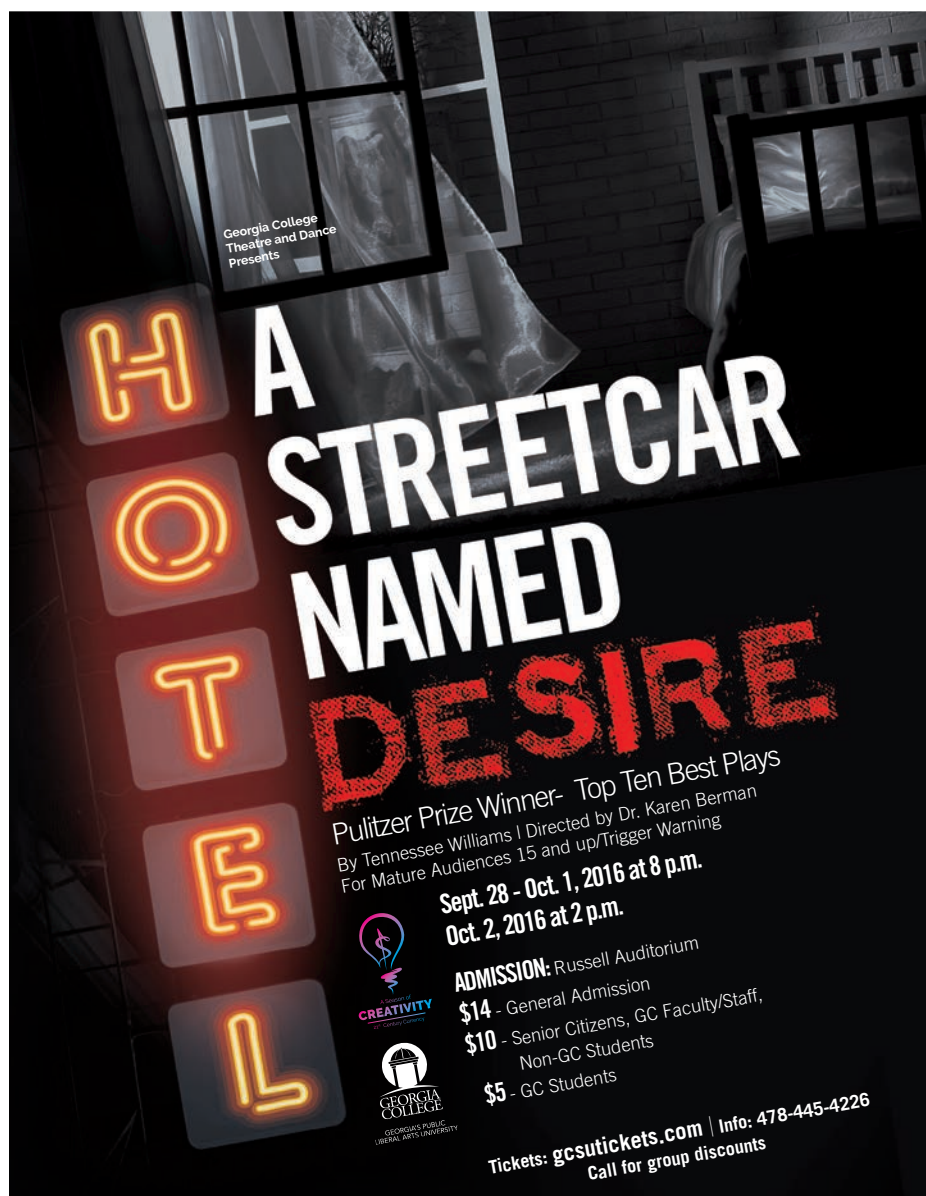


Photo courtesy of GC Theatre and Dance

Johnson plays the lead role of Stanley in *A Streetcar Named Desire*.



# Bobcats speak out regarding campus safety

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This week, The Colonnade asked students, "In regards to the recent robbery committed near campus and other reported crimes, how does this reflect on Public Safety and your opinion of them?"

"I respect public safety and know they have GCSU students in mind when they are on and off duty. Being a former CA, I have seen how much dedication they put into their jobs and am so appreciative of them dedicating their time to keep the campus and the student population safe."

-Gentry Keisler, Early Childhood Education Major, Senior



"When I transferred here, I thought I was coming to a safer environment, but honestly it's been the complete opposite. My parents are surprised with all they have heard has been going on and are upset because they are concerned for my safety."

-Gracie Tibbets, Pre-Nursing Major, Sophomore



"I feel like it shouldn't be a common occurrence and it seems like it has been during this past year, and especially this semester."

-Jeremy Sokol, Marketing Major, Sophomore



"Public Safety is doing an outstanding job with the resources they have. You can never parent all crime but the GCSU Police Department is doing a good job."

-Corey Baker, Business Management Major, Sophomore



"I still feel safe. There haven't been any major reported crimes regarding the events happening and the police seem to be doing their very best to keep the campus safe. I don't think we can generalize and say that the campus isn't safe just because of one hiccup. Every campus has scares."

-Lily Payne, Accounting Major, Sophomore



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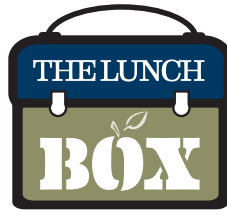
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